MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) As per the tariff of rates in force at present all service connections within 50 feet of the nearest supply post will be made by the department, free of cost, to the consumer, but the consumer has to pay for the post, stays and struts which may be found necessary to give him service connection even if such a post is within 50 feet of the concession allowed. If a house is situated on the side of a road which is not electrified, the applicant has to pay the whole cost of the service connection from the nearest supply post deducting the amount as per the concession of the 50 feet specified above.

(*b*) The applicants have to defray the cost of all poles found necessary and also for wire etc., required over and above the 50 feet of concession.

(*c*) The question will be considered when the tariff rates are revised.

Malaria in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

138. ❋ **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the areas affected by the recent malaria epidemic in the Neyyattinkara taluk

(*a*) whether any relief works have been undertaken in such areas under "Irrigation"; and

(*b*) (i) whether the improvement of a few tanks in such areas has been proposed to be undertaken under relief works;

(ii) if so, whether such proposal has been sanctioned; and

(iii) if not, what is the cause of the delay?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*).

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer proposed certain improvements to a few irrigation tanks in the *pakuthies* affected if the condition of the people warranted such relief works being started. But since the Darbar Physician and the Director of Public Health considered that the situation did not demand such measures immediately, the matter was not pursued.

Supply of Electricity to Chengannoor.

189. ❋**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Electrical Engineer has received any written representation from the public of Chengannoor for extending the supply of electricity to Chengannoor also; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action hitherto taken thereon?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposals are under consideration.

Acting Graduate Teachers.

190. ❋ **MR. K.A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that a large number of graduate teachers, who have put in more than 3 years' service, do not get the benefit of the provision made in para 9 of the

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